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REGULATIONS AND LAWS.OBEDIENCE TO

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A country has laws and regulations to coordinate its activities.

One does NOT seek to get around these or avoid these or find loopholes in them. That is **COMPLICATED AND DISHONEST.**

It is **MUCH** simpler just to know and obey them.

Immigrations, Customs, port authorities, agents, harbor masters all have certain rules.

It is neither clever nor smart to try to evade these.

Proaching bonded stores, which must never be opened in port, sliding goods aboard, seeking service after hours, creating emergencies for officials and a hundred other dishonest things are **CRIMINAL and STUPID.**

THAT is how you lose FRO Area Control.

By doing the proper and regular thing you **MAKE FRIENDS.**

Officialdom runs by **REGULATIONS.** If you violate these you upset their routine actions and they see this as **THREATENING.**

If a law says you can stay in a country only a year tax free, that's the law. You don't protest it or argue about it. You go to some other country and then come back for another year.

**ALMOST ALL FR TROUBLE IS CREATED BY OUR OWN PEOPLE VIOLATING SMALL RULES AND SEEKING IRREGULAR FAVORS OR ACTIONS.**

A Captain is as good as he can keep the regulations and make the crew and Port Captain do the same.

FR with officials is **NOT** being outstandingly mighty. It is being regular and usual in official connections.

Something signed on the wrong line is a crime to them. So sign it on the right line.

By-pass may get you a berth but it makes you enemies.

Waking up Customs at 2:00 AM may look busy but it is stupid.

Almost all out-FR comes from some crew member thinking he is above the law and customs of the land he is in.

The Rules and Regulations of officials of ports are made to be followed not protested.

We are not playing a game with them. We have another game to play.

In ports and Countries find out the rules and regulations and follow them to the letter.

And only then can you BEGIN to get in PRO Area Control.

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